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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

## AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, IF APPLICABLE

## Dear Examiner Lockett:

This in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed May 19, 2006. A response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2206 was filed March 29, 2006. The claims in the instant response are identical to the claims in the response filed March 29, 2006, except that proper status identifiers have been inserted. Also, it is not clear that an extension of time is required, but, if so, Applicant petitions for a two month extension of time, and the fee for same may be charged to the Deposit Account of Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C., Deposit Account Number 08-1935.

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006. Applicant hereby amends, as follows: